

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Ferguson et al.

**Application No.:** 09/263,358

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For: VARIABLE RATE FORWARD ERROR  
CORRECTION FOR ENABLING HIGH  
PERFORMANCE COMMUNICATION

Group: 2617

Examiner: Erika A. Gary

Our File: TAN-2-1488.01.US

Date: December 26, 2007

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007 and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate Petition for Extension of Time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: